In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 11, and 14 and amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of aggregating information content comprising:

accessing a content aggregator;

transmitting a <u>search</u> query to the content aggregator; [[and,]]

transmitting the query from the content aggregator to a <u>plurality of</u> remote [[agent]] <u>agents, wherein each of said agents is located on one of a plurality of distinct networks;</u>

<u>searching each of said plurality of networks for content responsive to the query via its respective remote agent;</u>

<u>transmitting a search result from each of said respective remote agents to the content aggregator;</u>

<u>processing the plurality of search results into a processed information content via the aggregator, wherein said processing includes applying a rules and standard designated by a client, and</u>

<u>transmitting said processed information content from said aggregator to said client.</u>

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim [[2]] <u>1</u> wherein <u>the plurality of distinct networks include</u> ~~remote agent is located on a~~ learning resource provider and [[a]] content provider computer [[network]] <u>networks</u>.

4.   (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim [[2]] <u>1</u> wherein the content aggregator processes <u>the plurality of search results</u> [[content]] by statistically weighting at least one variable based on an academic institution, content price, content credit, content subject, or content location.

5.   (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim [[2]] <u>1</u> wherein the content aggregator monitors academic credit acquired by the client.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the content aggregator provides incentives to the client for purchasing content from at least one learning resource provider.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the content aggregator receives a discount from a learning resource provider based on the amount of content received by the client.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the content aggregator receives a discount from a content provider based on the amount of content received by the client.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[2]] 1 wherein the client receives a discount from the aggregator based on the amount of content received by the client.

10.   (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating information content comprising:

    means for accessing a content aggregator;

    means for transmitting a <u>search</u> query <u>from a client</u> to [[the]] <u>a</u> content aggregator; [[and,]]

    means for transmitting the query from the content aggregator to a <u>plurality of</u> remote [[agent]] <u>agents, wherein each of said agents is located on one of a plurality of distinct networks;</u>

    <u>means for searching each of said plurality of networks for content responsive to the query via its respective remote agent;</u>

    <u>means for each of said respective remote agents transmitting a search result to the content aggregator;</u>

    <u>means for processing the plurality of search results into a processed information content via the aggregator, wherein said processing means for applying a rules and standard selected by said client,</u>

    <u>means for transmitting said processed information content to said client.</u>

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Original) The system of Claim 10 further comprising means for processing the content by statistically weighting at least one variable based on an academic institution, content price, content credit, content subject, or content location.

13.   (Currently Amended)   A computer program product for aggregating information content comprising:

> first instructions for allowing a client to access [[accessing]] a content aggregator;
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> second instructions for transmitting a search query from said client to the content aggregator; [[and,]]
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> third instructions for transmitting the query from the content aggregator to a plurality of remote [[agent]] agents, wherein each of said agents is located on one of a plurality of distinct networks;
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> fourth instructions for searching a said plurality of networks for content responsive to the query via its respective remote agent;
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> fifth instructions for transmitting a search result from each of said respective remote agents to the content aggregator;
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> sixth instructions for processing the plurality of search results into a processed information content via the aggregator, wherein said processing includes applying a rules and standard unique to said client; and,
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> seventh instructions for transmitting said processed information content to said client.

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Currently Amended)   The computer program product of Claim [[14]] 13 wherein the instructions for processing the content by the aggregator include statistically weighting at least one variable based on an academic institution, content price, content credit, content subject, or content location.

Please add the following claims:

16. (New) <u>The method of Claim 1 wherein said search query comprises a customized form.</u>

17. (New) <u>The method of Claim 1 wherein said remote agents gather the content responsive to the query in accordance with rules and standards generated by a controller software.</u>

18. (New) <u>The method of Claim 17 wherein said remote agents are autonomous.</u>

19. (New) <u>The method of Claim 17 wherein said remote agents are remotely accessible by said aggregator.</u>

19. (New) <u>The method of Claim 19 wherein said remote agents are installed on said distinct networks.</u>

20. (New) <u>The method of Claim 1, wherein said processing further comprises the aggregator analyzing said results and culling information not relevant to the search query posed.</u>

21. (New) <u>The method of Claim 1, wherein said processing further comprises the aggregator categorizing said search results in a format specified by said client.</u>

22. (New) <u>The method of Claim 1, wherein said aggregator transmits the processed information to the client in a customized response form.</u>

23. (New) <u>The method of Claim 10, wherein said plurality of networks comprise learning resource provider and content provider computer networks.</u>

24. (New) <u>The method of Claim 10, wherein said search results comprise formal and informal knowledge.</u>

25. (New) <u>The method of Claim 10, wherein said remote agents gather the content responsive to the query in accordance with rules and standards generated by a controller software.</u>

26. (New) <u>The method of Claim 10, wherein each of said remote agents include an autonomous controller software program.</u>

27.   (New)   The method of Claim 10, wherein each of said remote agents are remotely accessible by a controller software program installed on said aggregator